AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1-11. (Canceled)
- 12. (Currently amended) A carrier for cell culture <u>in the form of a sheet.</u> comprising: a water-containing gel comprising alginic acid, wherein a surface of the <u>water-containing</u> <u>gelearrier</u> is coated with collagen <u>to create a collagen layer</u>, and wherein the collagen <u>layer</u> is bound to <u>thea</u> surface of the water-containing gel by means of chitosan:

wherein the chitosan is formed from a 1-5% aqueous solution.

- 13. (Original) The carrier for cell culture according to claim 12, wherein the water-containing gel contains calcium alginate gel or alginic acid/polylysine gel.
- 14. (Currently amended) The carrier for cell culture according to claim 12, wherein the binding by means of chitosan is a binding between a collagen layer is bound to the and a surface of the water-containing gel by an intermediateintermediated by a chitosan layer.
- 15. (Original) The carrier for cell culture according to claim 12, wherein the water-containing gel is formed on a porous membrane.
- 16. (Withdrawn-Currently amended) A method for producing the carrier for cell culture according to claim 12. which comprises the step of successively immersing thea water-containing gel-comprising alginic acid in thea chitosan solution and then in a collagen solution.

- 17. (Original) A method for culturing cells, which comprises the step of allowing cells to form a cell layer on the carrier for cell culture according to claim 12.
- 18. (Previously presented) A cell culture obtained by the method according to claim 17. comprising said carrier for cell culture and said cell layer.
- 19. (Currently amended) A method for producing <u>a cell culture</u>, which comprises <u>athe</u> step of allowing cells to form a cell layer on a surface of the carrier for cell culture according to claim 12 and <u>athe</u> step of solubilizing the water-containing gel comprising alginic acid.
 - 20. (Canceled).